How to get to Kim and Penny's Farm near York for the Stupa Blessing

In a nutshell...

Travel east out from Perth on the Great Eastern Highway through Mundaring and Sawyer's Valley. Continue on to The Lakes BP and turn right on to the Great Southern Highway. Note your odometer reading. Drive exactly 30 km on Great Southern Highway. Turn right (look for pink streamers in trees marking the turn off) on to sand/gravel road. Look for a yellow Hayagriva Buddhist Centre sign just inside the gate. Go through the gate (open & close behind you). Note your odometer reading. Drive 2 km on sand/gravel road (through another gate) to the farm house. Park and get instructions to the stupa for blessing ceremony.



In more detail...

Travel out from Perth on the Great Eastern Highway and pass through the town of Mundaring and the village of Sawyer's Valley. The road opens out and is signed at 110 kph. When you enter an 80 kph zone you are approaching The Lakes. There is a BP service station on the right.

Turn right off Great Eastern Highway at The Lakes on to the Great Southern Highway (GSH) heading for York. Start measuring your mileage from here. You want to measure exactly 30 km from The Lakes. The turn off to Kim & Penny's farm is exactly 30 km down the GSH. What follows is more detail of what you can look for as you get closer to that turn off and GPS coordinates (taken from Google Maps). There are more maps on page 2. The turn off at The Lakes has GPS coordinates of -31.874854, 116.320243

After travelling 25.8 km from the The Lakes you will reach an intersection with Wambyn Road (GPS -31.892338,116.583565). This is a crossroad which is well sign posted. Don't turn. Keep going straight on GSH. You have 4.2 km left to go on GSH.

- -31.890411,116.589522 (26.4 km from The Lakes) On the left side of the road you may see: 2 car tyres wired together. Green sign with white digits 2655. Also a yellow road sign with the symbol "road narrows". You have 3.6 km left to go on GSH.
- -31.888516,116.593947 (26.9 km from The Lakes) On the left side of the road you may see: A tractor tyre painted white hanging on a tree. Green sign with white digits 2705. You have 3.1 km left to go on GSH.
- -31.891878,116.618295 (29.3 km from The Lakes) On the left side of the road you may see: Orange School Children Crossing sign. You have 0.7 km left to go on GSH.
- -31.893805,116.625131 (30 km from The Lakes). This is where you need to turn right on to a sand/gravel track. There should be pink streamers hanging from a tree on the right hand side of the highway marking the turn off. Take the

sand/gravel road which leads to a gate about 20 metres off the road. Behind the gate will be a yellow Hayagriva Buddhist Centre sign (like the ones used on the verge outside the centre). Start measuring your mileage again from here. Open the gate (close behind you). Drive slowly. The road is rough in places but manageable for a non-4wd vehicle.

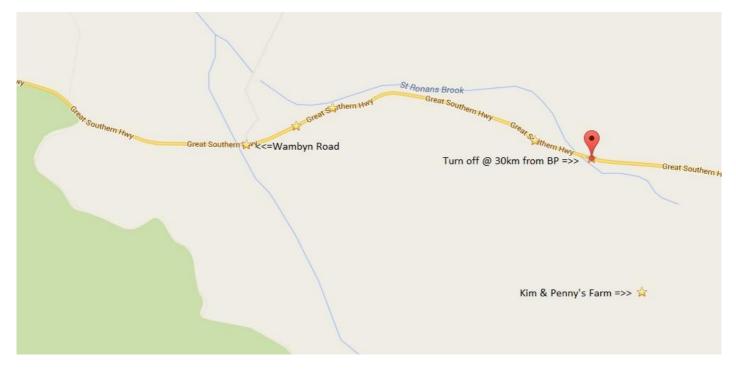
Follow the sand/gravel road for 1.7 km (measured from GSH). There will be another gate to open/close along this road. The road is mostly surrounded by trees and shrubs until you reach this point which opens out to a field.

Keep going straight ahead to the house (about 300 metres with the road veering off to the left) where you can park out front and get directions to the stupa blessing. The GPS coordinates of the house itself are -31.91,116.6337948

Pin shows The Lakes which is the intersection of Great Eastern Highway and Great Southern Highway – Turn Right



Pin shows the turn off (pink streamers) and yellow Hayagriva Buddhist Centre sign located exactly 30 km from The Lakes – Turn Right, go through the gate and follow the bush track to reach Kim & Penny's farm house (also shown as a star on the map).



If you get lost (i.e. if you get to York you've gone too far!) Kim's telephone number on the farm is 9641 1491